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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2008**

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 24, 2008. The shortened statutory time period to respond is three months from that date or January 24, 2009, and this response is being filed within that time. Thus, this response is timely. In response to the Non-Final Office Action, please enter the following into the record:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.